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## Aruba promoted in international magazines



Formaciones rocosas a causa de la erosión del mar y los fuertes vientos al norte de la isla, transformando el paisaje en puentes naturales como ventanitas abiertas al Atlántico.

ARUBA, descubierta por el español Alonso de Ojeda en 1499, fue reconquistada por los holandeses, pasando más tarde sucesivamente a ingleses y franceses, durante las guerras napoleónicas, para luego ser recuperada de nuevo por los holandeses, por ello, aquí se habla el Papiamentu, una mezcla de Indio (Arawak) y de los idiomas de los sucesivos conquistadores: español, holandés, inglés, francés y portugués. El papiamentu y el castellano se hablan indistintamente, por lo que usted podrá entenderse con sus habitantes en un perfecto español que le hará sentirse como en casa.

ORANJESTAD es la capital de Aruba, con sus casitas pintadas en color pastel no hay duda de que nos encontramos en el Caribe Holandés. La otra ciudad de importancia la encontramos al sur de la isla. Se trata de San Nicolás, donde en el año 1924 la Lago Oil And Transport Co., construyó una refinería de petróleo con la que trajo una gran prosperidad. San Nicolás ofrece al visitante las raíces más profundas de la isla con sus mezclas de gentes más que amables y sus sabores en compañía de sus aguas consideradas entre las mejores del mundo. El transparente color verde-azul de su apacible y claro mar te hace sentirte en un verdadero paraíso. Y, todo ello, con un clima de temperatura media anual de 28 grados, totalmente fuera de la zona de huracanes.

Como punto de interés parte del Festival "Bon Bini", que quiere decir "Bienvenido" y se celebra todos los martes de 7:00 p.m. a 9:00 p.m. en el Patio del Museo Histórico de Aruba (en el Fort Zoutman en Oranjestad) de la mano de Juli Naar que este año cumple 25 años como maestro de ceremonia de este evento que pretende dar a conocer al turista recién llegado el folclor, la gastronomía, el arte y la cultura de Aruba. Juli, carismático showman con su muy buen humor, hace partícipe a los presentes, y como historiador de Aruba, la historia de la isla desde sus raíces hasta su historia más reciente como país independiente del Reino de Holanda.

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Photo above shows how Aruba is promoted in the well-known Spanish magazine SPEND IN. The picture clearly shows how our Bon Bini Festival is highlighted as one of the main attractions of the island.

## Paul, World Cup 'psychic' octopus, dies in Germany

BERLIN, Germany (AFP) — Paul the octopus, who shot to fame during this year's football World Cup for his flawless record in predicting game results, has died peacefully in his sleep, his German aquarium said yesterday.

"Management and staff at the Oberhausen Sea Life Centre were devastated to discover that oracle octopus Paul, who achieved global renown during the recent World Cup, had passed away overnight," the aquarium said in a statement.

"He appears to have passed away peacefully during the night, of natural causes," said Sea Life manager Stefan Porwoll.

"His success made him almost a bigger story than the World Cup itself... We had all naturally grown very fond of him and he will be sorely missed."

Paul, who was nearly three, beat the odds during the World Cup by correctly forecasting all eight games he was asked to predict, including Spain's 1-0 win over the Netherlands in the final.

For the prediction, two boxes were lowered into the salty soothsayer's tank, each containing a mussel and the flags of the two opposing



Paul predicts Spain's victory in their 2010 World Cup semi-final soccer match against Germany by choosing a mussel from a glass box decorated with the Spanish national flag instead of a glass box with the German flag.

teams.

Watched by a myriad of reporters, Paul would head to one box, wrench open the lid and gobble the tasty morsel, with the box he plumped for being deemed the likely winner.

His astonishing ability made him a global media phenomenon. His later predictions were carried live on rolling news channels in Germany.

Within two hours of his

death, more than 250 messages of condolence were posted on Paul's "official" Facebook page.

Paul's body is now in cold storage while the aquarium decides "how best to mark his passing."

"We may decide to give Paul his own small burial plot within our grounds and erect a modest permanent shrine," said Porwoll.

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## 108 dead, 500 missing after tsunami hits Indonesia

JAKARTA, Indonesia (AFP) – At least 108 people were killed and hundreds are missing after a tsunami triggered by a powerful earthquake smashed into a remote Indonesian island chain, officials said yesterday.

The 7.7-magnitude quake struck in the Mentawai Islands area west of Sumatra late Monday, generating waves as high as three metres (10 feet) that swept away 10 villages.

Hendri Dori Satoko, a lawmaker in the Mentawai Islands, told MetroTV: "Our latest data from the crisis centre showed that 108 people have been killed and 502 are still missing."

Disaster Management Agency spokesman Agolo Suparto said: "Ten villages have been swept away by the tsunami."

The missing included a group of Australian surfers,

though Australian media reports later suggested they had been found safe and well.

Health Ministry Crisis Centre head Mudjiharto said the Mentawai waves reached up to three meters high and waters swept as far as 600 meters inland on South Pagai island, the hardest hit.

"Eighty percent of buildings in Muntei village have been damaged by the waves and many people are missing there," Mudjiharto said.

He said medical personnel were on their way to the worst-hit areas in helicopters but rescue efforts had been hampered by disruption to communications in the region.

There are no commercial flights to the island and traveling by ferry from Sumatra can take at least half a day.

## Huge storm grounds US flights, interrupts shipping

CHICAGO, Illinois (AFP) – Dangerous winds grounded hundreds of flights and interrupted shipping traffic on the Great Lakes yesterday as a massive storm system whipped the central United States and left tens of thousands without power.

Some 13 tornadoes were reported in five states as near hurricane-force winds ripped roofs off homes, damaged businesses and knocked down trees and power lines, the National Weather Service said.

The storm raced across Minnesota, Wisconsin, Illinois and Indiana in the morning, then ravaged Michigan, Ohio and Kentucky by mid-day and was forecast to then strike Canada and eastern states later on.

"It's really blasting up there," said Pat Slattery, a weather service spokesman.

"It's going to blow and it's liable to last through tomorrow."

The intense low-pressure system was reaching levels equivalent to a category 2 or 3 hurricane and would likely set records in several states, Slattery said.

Very strong winds "will allow the thunderstorms to organize into bands that will be capable of producing swaths of damaging winds and a few strong tornadoes," the weather service warned.

"State and local emergency managers are monitoring this potentially very dangerous situation."

The powerful winds forced some schools to close and snarled the morning commute.

Ships headed for safe harbor ahead of the storm which was predicted to kick up massive waves reaching as high as 27 feet (eight meters) on Lake Superior and 12 feet (3.7 meters) on Lake Michigan.

Flights were also grounded at several regional airports.

## Haiti reports 25 new cholera deaths

L'ARCAHAIE, Haiti (AFP) – Haiti reported 25 more cholera deaths yesterday as officials warned the epidemic was not yet over and aid groups fought to keep the disease out of the capital's putrid refugee camps.

With 284 known deaths and 3,612 infections, the first cholera outbreak in quake-hit

Haiti in more than a century has stabilized in recent days but the situation is still grave.

Doctors Without Borders (MSF), which has eight facilities open to cholera infections in Artibonite and around Port-au-Prince, said that despite the positive signs the need for vigilance remains.

## 13 dead as Indonesia's Mount Merapi volcano erupts


YOGYAKARTA, Indonesia (AFP) – Indonesia's Mount Merapi erupted three times yesterday, killing at least 13 people and causing thousands to flee as it emitted searing clouds and volcanic ash.

Twelve bodies were found by rescuers at a house near the volcano and a baby died elsewhere, with predictions that the toll was likely to rise.

Before the latest eruptions people living in the shadow of Indonesia's most active volcano had been warned to evacuate or risk being killed.

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## Book Festival at Community Center Tanki Leendert



TANKI LEENDERT -- The Aruba National library announces its book festival for children which will be on November 5, at the Community Center Tanki Leendert.

From 4:00 to 7:00 p.m. the center will be completely transformed, with the presence of different authors from abroad giving the lecturer the opportunity to meet them personally.

Also at the book festival will be Aruban authors presenting their books.

Everyone is welcome.

## "The Masters of Excellence" event to be held in Curacao and Aruba

WILLEMSTAD/ORANJESTAD — The Masters of Excellence, an international coalition of leadership organizations and renowned thought leaders, presents with great enthusiasm to the island nations of Aruba and Curaçao "The 2010 Masters of Excellence Series" featuring Dr. John C. Maxwell along with 4 additional world-class speakers.

This Dutch Caribbean full day inaugural event will be held November 22, 2010 in Curacao and November 23, 2010 in Aruba. A limited number of tickets are already on sale. Participants can choose between general admission sessions and exclusive VIP session tickets that bring attendees "Up Close and Personal" in a very limited luncheon seating with Dr. Maxwell. A most unique offering to the Master's series is a private one-on-one session with the Masters. Seatings are arranged well in advance and requests must be made directly to Managing Director Rudy Poell.

The Masters of Excellence Series has ongoing semi-annual tours schedules for each November and May presenting the latest world-renowned thought leaders.

"One by one, high profile VIP-speakers – the Masters of Excellence – will come to the Caribbean islands to share their enlightened leadership expertise. These Masters provide interesting angles of how to approach life and/or business while delivering practical steps that, when applied, will allow us to achieve a higher quality of life and success," says Rudy Poell.

"This is a the critical time; while our island nations are evolving into their independence, we must advance in leadership and relationship skills throughout our communities. From our family to our churches, from businesses to our political leaders, we must embrace all that is made available to us in this new era for both Aruba and Curaçao," says Ralston E. Bennett, Managing Partner, The Masters of Excellence Dutch Caribbean.

The Masters of Excellence is a high-class conference series for the Caribbean Nations that focuses on success, in life and business. These series, twice per year, will bring the world's best-known experts to the island for a live-presentation in an exclusive setting.

*The LORD is my Shepherd, I shall not want.*

*He makes me lie down in green pastures, he leads me beside quiet waters.*

*Psalm 23*

With deep sympathy we announce the passing of



**Ennis Esther Telesford**

\*17 -06- 1921 †21 -10-2010

### Children

Alfonso Richardson & Lies Springer  
Rich Alister Richardson & Shirley Hassel  
Ruby Narain- Richardson & Dr. Harold Narain  
Hubert & Ria Richardson- Niemantsverdriet  
Glenda Wellington –Telesford  
Donny Telesford  
Colburn & Ann Telesford  
Winston Telesford †

### Great grandchildren

Cheyenne Richardson, Aidan Richardson,  
Evan Richardson,  
Darisha Richardson, Caleb Narain, Avery  
Arrindell,  
Breanna Rikkenga.

### Brother in law

John & Relane Nesbith and children- John  
Jr., Saul, Marva, Glenn

### Nieces

Norma Telesford and children- Carl & Shawn  
Shirley Bremer  
Eleanore Walker  
Pamela Walker and family  
Claudia Walker

### As daughter

Jacky Edwards and son Jaden  
Elaine Blijden  
Sonia Bryson  
Rufina Delain

### Good friends

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Ruby Bute, Lilian Pompier, Norma Albertus  
Fam Muller, Rudy & Anita Albertus-Richardson, Brother Thompson, Sarah Morgan,  
Paula Conner, Benny and Rita Richardson, Yolanda & Reggie Havertong-Richardson,  
Mike Richardson, Yvonne Kromhout and Hester van Putten.

### Families related to

Telesford, Richardson, Springer, Hassel, Narain, Niemantverdriet, Wellington, Rikkenga, Baten, Cabenda, Lie-Kien-Tsoen, Latupeirissen, Arrindell, Sawney, Walker, Holder, Lewis, Thode, Havertong, Croes, Bremer, Kock, Nisbeth, Tjin-A-Kwoei, Bryson, Blijden, Kromhout, Mark, Nettles, van Putten, Nichols

Please accept our apologies if in our sorrow we have omitted anyone.

Condolences at 19:30 until 21:00 Tuesday 26th of October 2010, at Ad Patres in San Nicolas.

**Funeral will take place on Wednesday 27th of October 2010.** The body of the late Ms Ennis Telesford will be laid out, from 2-4 p.m. at the kingdom hall of Jehovah's Witness in San Nicolas, Pastoor Hendrikstraat 106.

The funeral service will take place at 4 p.m. The body will be laid to rest at the public cemetery in San Nicolas.

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## Grand Cafe Restaurant 21, a charming new option in night life



For all those on Aruba who have long wished for a place to relax and enjoy favorite music and stimulating conversation, there is now a place "for the rest of us," in Palm Beach; the recently opened Grand Café 21, located in what was formally Pavarotti's and Bella Luna restaurants.

The new owners, Michael and Mireille Heilker have converted the formal restaurant into a cozy lounge/eatery where one can come to enjoy a gourmet meal from veteran Chef Wim Elzing, a fusion of French with a Caribbean flair, and then stay on to dance and

socialize in the relaxed surrounding.

A quick glance at the menu listed gourmet treats such as escargot, frog legs and a hearty crab and corn chowder along with fresh local fish, prime steaks and creative poultry dishes and salads at extremely reasonable prices. The owner's aim is to establish the sort of place where one cares to linger all night long, enjoying the casual but lively ambiance. "We open at 4:00 p.m. and close...when-ever," explained Michael, "until the last customer is ready to come home."

Hailing originally from Holland and Suriname, Michael and Mireille have run two very successful and similar eateries in both countries. They confess they couldn't find anything quite like Grand Café 21 on the Aruba, and felt there was a void that needed to be filled.

If you wish to enjoy a full evening of fine dining and dancing as the world used to know, but loud, heavy electronic music is not your thing, than Grand Café 21 is the place for you! Open Tuesday through Sunday, they hope to soon welcome patrons "not as customers, but as friends."

by Rosalie Klein

## Kia Motors America announces all-time quarterly sales record

2011 Sorento eclipses 10,000 unit mark for first time; year-to-date sales up 12.3 percent



Kia Sorento 2010

IRVINE, California— Kia Motors America (KMA) recently announced sales of 30,071 vehicles in September, a 39-percent increase over the same period last year and an all-time sales record for the month of September. Kia's sales were led for the ninth consecutive month by the 2011 Sorento CUV, which posted sales of more than 10,000 units for the first time since its debut. The monthly sales record is Kia's second in the past three months – and sixth overall in 2010 – and helped the brand achieve its best quarterly sales total in company history at 97,955 units.

KMA's year-to-date sales of 268,024 units are up 12.3-percent over 2009 and the company is on pace to achieve its 16th consecutive year of market share growth. Kia's growing stable of new vehicles resulting from the brand's design-led transformation – the 2010 Soul, Forte and Forte Koup; and the 2011 Sorento and the all-new 2011 Sportage – accounted for 76.7-percent of sales in September.

"Our record sales, including Sorento's best performance ever with more than 10,000 units sold, are a result of the brand's complete design and product transformation that continues to drive more styleconscious consumers to Kia retail showrooms," said Byung Mo Ahn, group president and CEO of KMA and Kia Motors Manufacturing Georgia (KMMG).

"The most aggressive new vehicle launch cycle in the auto industry will continue with the arrivals of the

functional Forte 5-door later this month and the highly anticipated all-new 2011 Optima midsize sedan in November."

Topcar Aruba N.V. is the exclusive auto dealer of Kia vehicles on Aruba. Just visit the showroom at Caya Ernesto Petronia #21 for a free demonstration of their car inventory.

For more information on sales, new car models, and garage & parts services, readers may call at tel. 582-1547.



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## SETAR N.V. organizes Blood Drive during Health Week

Everyone can SMS to nr 250 for FREE to become a blood donor



Aruba's telecommunication company, SETAR N.V., organizes a health week every year. This year the company

incorporated a Blood Drive to stimulate, not only its employees, but the whole Aruban community to become blood donors. The activity took place in the cantina of SETAR N.V. at Seroe Blanco. There personnel of SETAR took different tests to check if they are eligible to become blood donors.

Blood is very important; not only in case of an accident, but also patients undergoing surgery or dialyses, or cancer patients might need a blood transfusion.

SETAR N.V. is not only

motivating its employees to live a healthy lifestyle, it is one of the first companies on the island to incorporate a cantina at its office offering a healthy menu to employees.

Every day employees can order between two healthy and balanced platters of two different salads. Already many employees started losing weight.

Every year during the month of October, SETAR N.V. dedicates two week to health. Employees receive lectures on different topics related to health and quality

of life. The company organizes different games and physical activities and invites different speakers to inform employees on healthy lifestyles.

This year the company, together with the Aruba Lions Club and Aruba Blood Bank, organized a Blood drive. Minister of Public Health and Sports Richard Visser and dignitaries of the Aruba Health Department and Aruba Blood Bank were also present during the drive. SETAR's goal was to get at least 50 blood donors, but at the final of the drive the amount was pleasantly surpassed.

SETAR N.V. also announced its campaign where everyone, during the month of October can SMS to nr 250 to become a blood donor, free of charge. Just sent in your name and family name and you will be registered at the Aruba Blood Bank.

SETAR N.V. hopes that this initiative serves as an example for all other companies.

Photos show scenes during the Blood Drive.



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## German electric car sets new distance record



BERLIN (AFP) – An electric car drove from Munich in southern Germany to Berlin without recharging its battery on Tuesday, setting what organisers hailed as a new world distance record for an everyday vehicle.

The yellow and purple Audi A2 car took around seven hours to complete the 600-kilometre (372-mile) stretch and arrived in the sumptuous courtyard of the economy ministry in Berlin just before 8:00am local time (0600 GMT).

"If any journalists want to charge up their iPhones, we still have some electricity left," quipped driver Mirko Hannemann, 27, as he stepped out of the four-door car to show off the battery.

Economy Minister Rainer Bruederle welcomed the team on arrival and was even tempted into taking a spin around the courtyard, although not behind the wheel.

"They even had the heating on. It really was a luxury journey," Bruederle told a large crowd of journalists and

photographers on a chilly Berlin morning.

At a later press conference, Bruederle said: "Welcome to a world record. Before, electric cars could typically only go 60 or 70 kilometres before recharging. This is a technological leap forward."

Car manufacturers hope that electric cars will grow to dominate the automotive industry but consumers see the short range of the vehicles as a major downside.

Japanese researchers have driven an experimental electric car more than 1,000 kilometres around a track, but the two German firms, lekker Energie and DBM Energy, said their vehicle was the furthest travelled by an everyday car.

Chancellor Angela Merkel's government aims to have one million electric cars on the road by 2020, but Germany's car giants have been slow off the starting grid and are now scrambling to catch up with their Asian rivals.

## Sci-Tech

### Arrested in Armenia: Computer virus 'mastermind'

THE HAGUE (AFP) – Dutch authorities announced Tuesday the arrest in Armenia of the alleged mastermind behind a computer virus crime group whose server network was dismantled in the Netherlands a day earlier.

"At the request of the national (Dutch) prosecution service, a 27-year-old Armenian believed to be the brains behind the notorious Bredolab network, was arrested at the Yerevan international airport last night," the prosecution service said in a statement in The Hague.

Investigators said they dismantled a criminal network on Monday that had used computer servers in the Netherlands to infect at least 30 million computers worldwide with a virus that allows others to obtain information like bank passwords from infected computers.

The network was capable of infecting three million computers a month and was sending an estimated 3.6 billion virus e-mails to users daily by the end of 2009.

A total of 143 computer servers were disconnected in the Netherlands on Monday, the prosecuting service said.

Since the Netherlands have no extradition agreement with Armenia, "we are discussing the possibility of the suspect being put on trial there", prosecution spokesman Wim de Bruin told AFP.



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## Travel sites urge US to block Google takeover of ITA

WASHINGTON (AFP) – A group of online travel firms urged the US authorities on Tuesday to block Google's purchase of flight information company ITA Software, saying it would give the Internet titan too much control over the lucrative sector.

"Acquiring ITA Software would give Google control over the software that powers most of its closest rivals in travel search and could enable Google to manipulate and dominate the online air travel marketplace," they said.

"The end result could be higher travel prices, fewer travel choices for consumers and businesses, and less innovation in online travel search," the coalition of travel sites and technology companies said in a statement.

Members of the "FairSearch.org" coalition include Expedia and its brands Expedia.com, Hotwire and TripAdvisor, Farelogix Inc., Kayak and its brand SideStep, and Sabre Holdings and its brand Travelocity.

The group launched a website presenting their case at FairSearch.org.

Google announced in July it was buying ITA Software, which powers many of the Web's most popular travel sites, for 700 million dollars in cash.

Expedia chief executive Dara Khosrowshahi said "combining Google and ITA -- the dominant providers of Web search and flight search technology, respectively -- raises some serious concerns for travelers and the online travel industry."

Thomas Barnett, a former US assistant attorney general who now serves as counsel to

Expedia, said that the Justice Department needs to "thoroughly investigate the proposed acquisition."

ITA, a 500-person firm based in Cambridge, Massachusetts, specializes in organizing airline data, including flight times, availability and prices.

Its QPX flight data organization tool uses algorithms to combine flight information from airlines, including pricing and availability, to create a searchable database.

QPX software is used by online travel agencies and airlines including Alaska Airlines, American Airlines, Continental Airlines, Southwest Airlines, United Airlines, US Airways, Virgin Atlantic Airways and others.

Microsoft's Bing, Kayak, Orbitz and TripAdvisor are among ITA's customers.

Andrew Silverman, a Google senior product manager, dismissed the claims made by FairSearch.org saying "our reason for making this acquisition is simple: ITA will help us provide better results for our users."

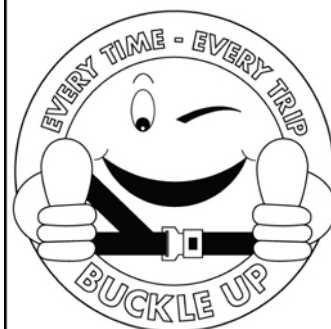
"It's disappointing that a number of travel companies have today announced their concerns about the deal," Silverman said in a blog post.

"ITA and Google are not competitors so there will not be less choice for consumers," he said, adding that the three most popular travel sites in the United States -- Expedia, Priceline and Travelocity -- use data provided by ITA's competitors.

Silverman noted that Google does not plan to sell airline tickets directly and reiterated that it will honor all of ITA's existing agreements.


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## Health & Living

# Strength of cholesterol-lowering supplements varies widely



Bottles of the popular cholesterol-lowering supplement red yeast rice almost always list 600 milligrams of rice as the sole ingredient. But different brands of capsules contain widely varying amounts of the active ingredient that fights cholesterol, a new study suggests.

The active ingredients in red yeast rice, a type of fermented rice, are compounds known as monacolins that slow the production of cholesterol in the liver. One compound, monacolin K, is a naturally occurring version of the prescription drug lovastatin.

The study was conducted by researchers from ConsumerLab.com, who analyzed the ingredients of 12 red yeast rice products that were bought in stores or ordered over the Internet. (ConsumerLab.com is a company that independently tests dietary supplements and other nutritional products.)

"Red yeast rice is certainly effective at lowering cholesterol and may have an important role in people who can't take statins or [who] refuse to take statins, but there's a lot

of variability and potentially dangerous side effects," says the lead author of the study, Ram Gordon, MD, a cardiologist at Chestnut Hill Hospital, in Philadelphia, and Abington Memorial Hospital, in Abington, Pa. "Until there's better regulation and oversight, we all have to be very cautious in recommending it to patients."

What's more, one-third of the products contained small but detectable amounts of citrinin, a toxin that can cause kidney failure in animals, according to the study, which appears in the Archives of Internal Medicine. The risk citrinin poses to humans isn't clear.

Stephen Kopecky, MD, a cardiologist at the Mayo Clinic, in Rochester, Minn., says that the variability seen in the study is "nothing new." He generally discourages patients from taking red yeast rice and other cholesterol-lowering supplements and instead recommends low doses of lovastatin. "You can get that for about \$10 for three months at many of the big pharmacies," he says. "It's the same substance but a more exact amount."

## Middle-age smoking doubles Alzheimers risk

WASHINGTON (AFP) — People who smoke heavily in middle age could more than double their risk for Alzheimer's disease and other forms of dementia 20 years later, according to research by Finnish experts published in a US journal.

It has been documented that smoking increases the risk of most diseases and mortality, but some studies have shown that smoking can reduce the chances of developing Parkinson's disease and other neurodegenerative diseases.

Minna Rusanen from the University of Eastern Finland and Kuopio University Hospital in Kuopio, Finland, analyzed data with colleagues from 21,123 members of a healthcare system who participated in a survey between 1978 and 1985, when they were between the ages of 50 and 60.

Those of the patients who smoked more than two packs of cigarettes per day in their fifties had a very high risk of developing dementia and Alzheimer's in particular compared to non-smokers.

Race and sex were not factors in the study, the authors said.

Smoking is a known risk factor for stroke, and may help increase the risk of vascular dementia in a similar manner, the authors wrote.

The habit also contributes to oxidative stress and inflammation, believed to be important in the development of Alzheimer's disease.

Smoking may affect dementia development via vascular and neurodegenerative pathways, the authors write.

"Our study suggests that heavy smoking in middle age increases the risk of both Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia for men and women across different race groups. The large detrimental impact that smoking already has on public health has the potential to become even greater as the population worldwide ages and dementia prevalence increases."

The authors said it is the first study that studies "the amount of midlife smoking on long-term risk of dementia and dementia subtypes in a large multiethnic cohort."

Smoking is blamed for several million deaths per year from causes such as heart disease and cancer, according to background information in the article.



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The U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention offers these guidelines on when to wash your hands:

- \* Before you put your hands into or near your mouth, including before you smoke, brush your teeth, or have something to eat or drink.

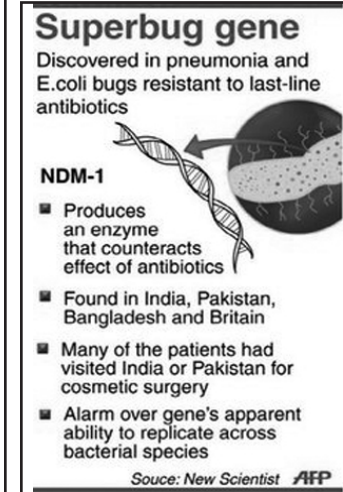
- \* Before and after being around a person who is ill.

- \* After you go to the bathroom or change a baby's diaper.

- \* After you touch areas that get a lot of contact, including door knobs and handrails on stairs.

- \* After you blow your nose.

## China reports first cases of South Asian superbug



**Superbug gene**  
Discovered in pneumonia and E.coli bugs resistant to last-line antibiotics

**NDM-1**

- Produces an enzyme that counteracts effect of antibiotics
- Found in India, Pakistan, Bangladesh and Britain
- Many of the patients had visited India or Pakistan for cosmetic surgery
- Alarm over gene's apparent ability to replicate across bacterial species

Source: New Scientist AFP

BEIJING (AFP) — China said Tuesday it had detected the nation's first three cases of a multi-drug resistant superbug that surfaced in South Asia and has triggered a global health alert, state media reported.

The nation's Centre for Disease Control and Prevention said that bacteria carrying the NDM-1 gene were found in samples taken from two babies born in March in the northern region of Ningxia, the official Xinhua news agency said.

New Delhi metallo-lactamase-1 was also discovered in another sample taken from an 83-year-old man in the south-eastern province of Fujian who died of lung cancer in June, the report quoted Ni Daxin, an official at the CDC, as saying.

The two babies have since recovered and are healthy, and the role of the drug-resistant superbug in the man's death is still unclear, the report added.

NDM-1 has caused global concern, and the World Health Organization has urged health authorities around the world to monitor the superbug, which was first identified last year in a Swedish patient admitted to hospital in India.

It has since spread to Europe, and a Belgian man became the first reported fatality in August after he was infected by the bacteria in hospital in Pakistan where he was being treated for a leg injury following a car accident.

He was repatriated to Belgium but died despite being administered colistin, a powerful antibiotic.



# Giant snakes, fish among spectacular species found in Amazon

NAGOYA, Japan (AFP) - Spectacular species previously unknown to the outside world are being discovered in the Amazon rainforest at a rate of one every three days, environment group WWF said in a report published yesterday.

An anaconda as long as a limousine, a giant catfish that eats monkeys, a blue fanged spider and poisoned dart frogs are among the 1,220 animals and plants to have been found from 1999 to 2009, according to the study.

The report was released on the sidelines of a United Nations summit in Japan that is being held to try to stem the mass extinction of species around the world, and the WWF said it highlighted why protecting the Amazon was so vital.

"This report clearly shows the incredible, amazing diversity of life in the Amazon," Francisco Ruiz, head of WWF's Living Amazon Initiative, told reporters at the launch.

"But this incredible region is under pressure because of the human presence. The landscape is being very quickly transformed."



**Since snakes don't consume pieces (like every other animals) and only swallows, can you imagine a snake swallowing dinosaur? If they start eating giant adult elephants we have a huge problem.**

learn about this unique region, and what we could lose if we don't change the way we think about development," Ruiz said.

One of the most amazing discoveries was a four-meter (13-foot) anaconda in the flood plains of Bolivia's Pando province in 2002.

It was the first new anaconda species identified since 1936, and became only the fourth known type of that reptile, according to the WWF.

There were a total of 55 reptile species discovered, with others including two

fish normally exists on a diet of other fish, some of them have been caught with parts of monkeys in their stomachs, according to the WWF.

Another extraordinary species of catfish that was discovered in the Brazilian state of Rondonia was extremely small, blind and red.

Villagers found the fish when they accidentally trapped them in buckets after hauling up water from a well.

At least 500 spiders were also discovered, including one that was completely brown except for a pair of almost fluorescent blue fangs.

Thirty-nine new mammals were also found, including a pink river dolphin, seven types of monkey and two porcupines.

Among the 637 new plant species discovered were sunflowers, ivy, lilies, a variety of pineapple and a custard apple.

The Amazon is home to at least 40,000 plant species, and the WWF described the scale of diversity in some areas as "mind boggling".

It said 1,000 plant species were documented in one hectare (2.5 acres) of lowland rainforest in Ecuador, while 3,000 were found in a 24-hectare region of the Colombian section of the Amazon.

As part of efforts to save the Amazon, the Brazilian government has worked with the WWF, the World Bank and other groups to establish protected areas of rainforest covering 32 million hectares over the past six years.

The WWF said the protection efforts, in which foreign governments and organisations provide some of the finance to help run the projects, should serve as a model for the world in how to save rainforests.

members of Elapidae -- the most venomous snake family in the world that includes cobras and taipans.

A kaleidoscope of different coloured frogs were also found, including 24 of the famed poison dart variety and one that was translucent.

Among the 257 types of fish discovered in the rivers and lakes of the Amazon was a "goliath" catfish. One of them found in Venezuela measured nearly 1.5 meters long and weighed 32 kilograms (over 70 pounds).

Although the "goliath" cat-



**Apistogramma baenschi,' a new fish species is seen here.**

Logging and clearing for agriculture uses such as cattle farming and palm oil plantations have led to 17 percent of the Amazon -- an area twice the size of Spain -- being destroyed over the past 50 years, according to the WWF.

The WWF compiled the findings reported by scientists over the 10-year period to highlight the extent of biodiversity loss that may be occurring without humans even knowing while the Amazon is being cleared.

"It serves as a reminder of how much we still have to

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## Michael Jackson top-earning dead celebrity

NEW YORK -- Michael Jackson's sudden death sparked an outpouring of grief around the world, but fans also opened their wallets to make him this year's top-earning dead celebrity with \$275 million, Forbes said.

Jackson raked in more than the combined total of the other 12 celebrities on the list. He was ranked third on last year's list with \$90 million.

Elvis Presley came in second, earning \$60 million from admissions to his former home, Graceland, which is now a museum and tourist attraction in Memphis, Tennessee, a Cirque de Soleil show and more than 200 licensing and merchandise deals.

"Jackson's spot atop our top earning dead celebrities list should come as no surprise given the renewed fan interest in music, videos and all things Michael Jackson," said Forbes



writer Lacey Rose.

Jackson was 50 when he died in his Los Angeles home on June 25 last year, shortly before a planned series of comeback concerts in London. The singer left behind three children and a debt of \$500 million.

But his estate has generated millions since his death, mostly through record sales, the "This Is It" concert movie, licensing rights, deals to release new albums and a Cirque du Soleil stage show in Las Vegas.

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## Kiwanis Key Club Colegio Arubano with successful Fire Prevention project



Recently, the Kiwanis Key Club Colegio Arubano organized another successful community project: Fire Prevention. The Key Club held an activity with the 2nd and 3rd grade student of San Miguel's School. They kids went by bus to the Fire Fighting Department situated at the Aruba Airport Authority. There they were toured around the premises and received extensive information about the ins and outs of fire fighting, and get a close look at the airport crash tender. They also could get in to the fire trucks to inspect them up close.

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Members of the Kiwanis Key Club Colegio Arubano extend their heartfelt gratitude to Sint Miguel School and parents of the students for letting them participate in the project. Also a big 'thank you' goes to the members of the Fire Fighting Department for making this project possible.

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Also present at the conference were representatives of the HotelGroup MER of the Dominican Republic; they represent different five star hotels there. The group is also involved with the marketing of tourists from Europe with multi destinations. This means that European tourist can combine their vacation of one week

in Dominican Republic for a week on our island.

Representatives of Aerolineas MAS on Aruba is Tango Tours Aruba.

Photo shows the representatives of Aerolineas MAS and HotelGroup MER with Aruba Tourism Authority representative Leoncio Croes during the press conference.



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## PICKLES



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## ACROSS

1. Holiday drinks
5. Drink in the stands
9. Swindler's prop
14. Kentucky resource
15. Writer Jaffe
16. Flycatcher
17. TV couple
20. Like some hose
21. Grebes' relatives
22. Roman god of the lower world
23. Behaved like clothes from the dryer
24. Spanish eyes
26. Wintery drizzle
28. Soak flax
31. Tell's partner
32. Returns, as a pigeon
33. Pertaining to: suffix
34. Lyricist Sammy
35. Transportation costs
36. Break
37. Vase
38. Get a new crew
39. Behold: Latin
40. Black bird
41. Praying figure
42. Thailand currency
43. Future oak
45. Maglie
46. British chap
47. Batters' numbers

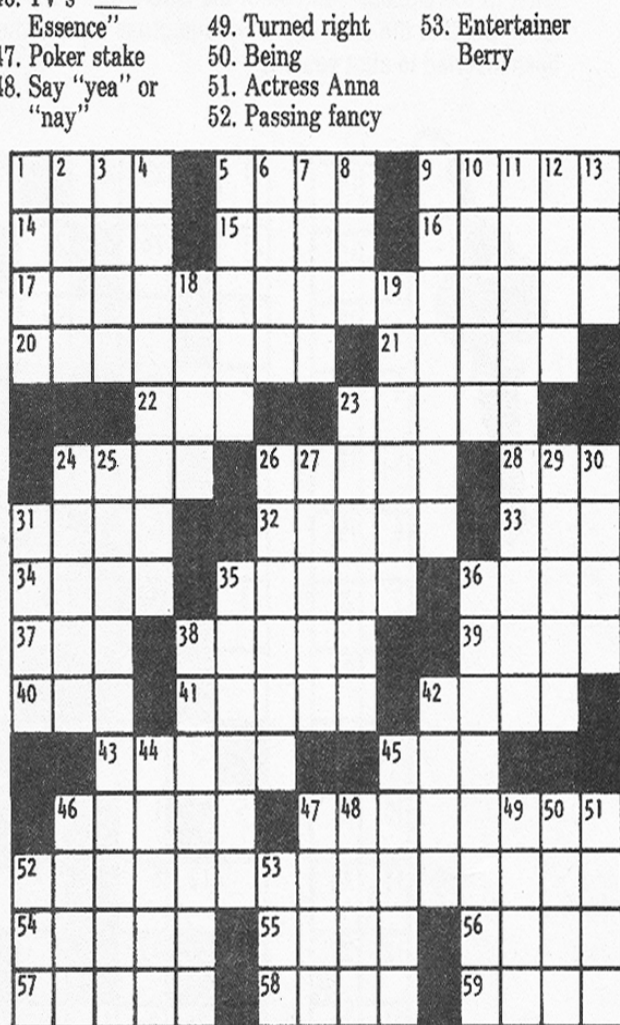
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52. Adventures of the Andersons
54. Growling loudly
55. Diminutive suffix
56. \_\_\_ majeste
57. Actor Reginald
58. Lack
59. TV's Jeannie
1. Sgts.
2. Gradual leak
3. \_\_\_ Strip
4. Reduce
5. Scottish slopes
6. Ages
7. Football positions
8. Cheer
9. Alfalfa and bean
10. Wading bird
11. "Southfork" in Braddock, Texas
12. Grant and Majors
13. Rent
18. Actor Wallach et al.
19. Passages between shrubs
23. Join solidly
24. Actress Maureen
25. Rural TV father
26. Medicine man
27. Navigation system
29. Pass a law
30. Cassette contents
31. Move swiftly
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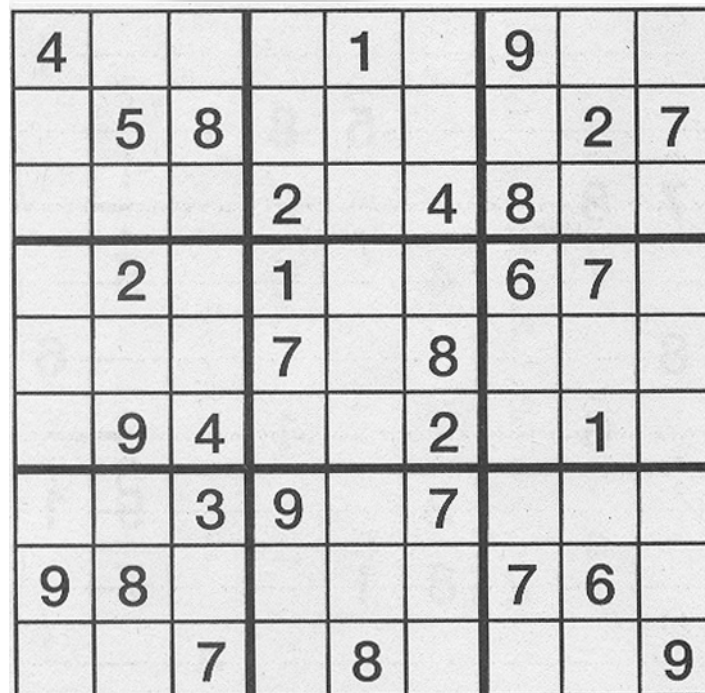
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2	8	1	2	9	6	8	4	9
8	1	9	2	8	9	4	6	2
4	6	2	8	9	2	9	1	8
8	2	9	6	4	1	9	2	8
1	9	8	4	2	2	6	8	9
2	2	4	9	6	8	8	9	1
9	8	6	9	1	8	2	2	4

Complete the grid so that every row and every column contains the numbers 1 through 9  
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## Finance

### US expects Venezuela to compensate expropriated firm

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The United States said yesterday it would expect Venezuela to properly compensate the local affiliate of the US-based glass maker Owens Illinois after Caracas said it will expropriate the firm.

"Statements are one thing. We'll see what actual actions take place," State Department spokesman Philip Crowley told journalists in response to the announcement from Caracas.

"But we would expect Venezuela to provide prompt, adequate and effective compensation for any expropriation of the investments of Owens-Illinois in accordance with international law or any other private business ... present in

Venezuela," he added.

Venezuelan President Hugo Chavez late Monday announced the expropriation of the local affiliate of the US-based firm, accusing it of causing environmental damage and exploiting its workers.

Chavez added that his government has "a list with more names" of companies that will be expropriated, but gave no further details.

Owens Illinois Inc. is a leader world glass bottle maker with some 22,000 workers in 21 countries.

The US company has operated in Venezuela for 52 years, and has two plants that make bottles and containers for beer, drinks, food and liquor.

### European nations sink bluefin tuna quota reduction

LUXEMBOURG (AFP) - Europe's Mediterranean nations roundly rejected yesterday a proposal by the EU's executive arm to slash the global quota for catching the lucrative sushi mainstay of bluefin tuna next year.

Fisheries ministers meeting in Luxembourg made their position known three weeks ahead of an international meeting of fishing nations on bluefin tuna, a species scientists say is endangered.

French Agriculture Minister Bruno Le Maire called for

the quota to remain at 13,500 tons as he opposed a European Commission proposal to cut total allowable catches more than twofold next year to 6,000 tonnes.

A stable quota "preserves the resource and at the same time guarantees work for fishermen", Le Maire said.

"Other solutions, notably the more restrictive quota of 6,000 tons, for example, would lead to the loss of 500 fishing jobs in France," he said.

Cyprus, Greece, Italy,

Malta, Portugal and Spain backed the French position, according to diplomats.

Britain was the only country to express support for Brussels' proposed quota reduction, while Germany and Sweden were less clear about their position, he added.

The EU has to agree on a position ahead of a meeting of the International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas (ICCAT) between November 17 and 27 in Paris.

### Air France-KLM sees return to profit this year

PARIS, France (AFP) - The French-Dutch carrier Air France-KLM said yesterday it expected to return to profit during the current fiscal year after suffering a record 1.28-billion-euro (1.78-billion-dollar) operating loss in the previous period.

"Given the revenue performance of recent months together with the current level of forward bookings, the group is revising upwards its operating result objective for the financial year to March 31 2011, which will be positive, except in the case of a major adverse event," chief executive Pierre

Gourgeon told the company's executive board.

The carrier in late July said it expected to break even in the current fiscal year, excluding the impact of the Icelandic volcanic ash cloud that closed airspace in Europe and imposed a loss on Air France-KLM of 158 million euros.

The company last year suffered in the worldwide economic downturn, when passenger and freight volumes fell.

In response the carrier sharply cut back on capacity and restructured its freight unit.

### Dutch telecom operator KPN profits edge higher

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - Dutch telecoms operator KPN said yesterday its third quarter net profit edged up 2.8 percent compared with a year earlier, falling slightly short of analyst forecasts.

Net profit for the three months to September came to 406 million euros (570 million dollars) while analysts surveyed by Dow Jones Newswires expected 409 million euros.

Sales in the period were up 1.4 percent at 3.38 billion euros

### Computer virus "mastermind" arrested in Armenia

THE HAGUE, The Netherlands (AFP) - Dutch authorities announced yesterday the arrest in Armenia of the alleged mastermind behind a computer virus crime group whose server network was dismantled in the Netherlands a day earlier.

"At the request of the national (Dutch) prosecution service, a 27-year-old Armenian believed to be the brains behind the notorious Bredolab network, was ar-

rested at the Yerevan international airport last night," the prosecution service said in a statement in The Hague.

Investigators said they dismantled a criminal network on Monday that had used computer servers in the Netherlands to infect at least 30 million computers worldwide with a virus that allows others to obtain information like bank passwords from infected computers.

The network was capable of infecting three million computers a month and was sending an estimated 3.6 billion virus e-mails to users daily by the end of 2009.

A total of 143 computer servers were disconnected in the Netherlands on Monday, the prosecuting service said.

Since the Netherlands have no extradition agreement with Armenia, "we are discussing the possibility of the suspect being put on trial there," prosecution spokesman Wim de Bruin told AFP.

### GSK to pay 750-million-dollar US fine for tainted drugs

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - British pharmaceutical giant GlaxoSmithKline has agreed to plead guilty in a tainted drug scandal and to pay a 750-million-dollar US fine, the Justice Department said yesterday.

Pharmco Puerto Rico, a subsidiary of GlaxoSmithKline (GSK), admitted it was guilty of the charges relating to the manufacture and distribution of certain adulterated drugs made at a now-closed Puerto Rico facility, the department said.

The resolution includes a criminal fine of 150 million dollars and a civil settlement of 600 million dollars to the

federal government and states, it said in a statement.

Four drugs manufactured by Pharmco were deemed adulterated after they did not conform to US safety requirements and did not have the "quality and purity characteristics which it purported or was represented to possess."

The drugs, manufactured at the plant between 2001 and 2005, are Kytril, Bactroban, Paxil CR and Avandamet.

The guilty plea and sentence is not final until accepted by the US District Court in Boston, Massachusetts, the department said.

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## The Queen's offers an authentic taste of Aruba!



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Keshi Yena with plaintains, vegetables and pica

One of the distinctions of Aruban cuisine is incorporating unique indigenous ingredients such as in Wild Cucumber Stew and a particular light fish chowder accompanied by the local specialties pan bati (corn meal pancake) and funchi (the local version of polenta.) Thus, eating out at the authentically Aruban restaurant, The Queen's, is very affordable, with a true taste of regional cuisine.

Owner Varella Innocencia confesses she opened her restaurant in Oranjestad because "I grew up with this, and loved serving people our island food. My father and mother operated the little restaurant across from the Americana, which some may remember, the original Arawak. I remember how much our customers loved trying the local food, and they especially loved the prices!"

Varella's mom, Luisa, is still in the kitchen, conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations, which is acknowledged on the menu with "Carni Stoba di Mamachi"- "Grandma's Beef Stew," and their Arawak Steak.

We also bumped into island visitors Jim and Callie from Michigan, who were eager to try island food, and were more than pleased with their venture

into local cuisine. "We will definitely return to The Queen's," they affirmed, "the food was delicious and the prices are more than right."

The menu sports a variety of steaks and tenderloin, fresh caught seafood, Caribbean lobster, and of course, one of our favorites, and what we consider a true test of local cuisine, "Keshi Yena"- "Filled Cheese." This is a tasty, filling stew of chicken, with other ingredients that are handy that day, all incased in a thick skin of melted Gouda. It was very satisfying and particularly memorable paired with The Queen's garlic bread and very special Pica, a mix of chopped onions and the famous local hot pepper, Madame Janette. Not overly spicy, it lent that perfect bit of tang to this deliciously picturesque meal.

Located next to the Harbor at the end of the Weststraat, The Queen's is open from 11:00 a.m. to 11:00 p.m., daily, offering indoor and outdoor dining. They also have daily specials, aside from an extensive menu; made from whatever is in season and Mama Luisa was in the mood to prepare.

We noticed a steady stream of islanders coming for lunch in the pleasant surroundings or picking up take-out containers; always a sure sign of a winner is where the locals like to eat!

## Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

Managers of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, report that sales are picking up nicely as the global economy begins to recover and those with a bit of disposal income are looking to invest in a sure thing. Gold Coast Directing Manager Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners are barely using the villas or town homes they purchase, but taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their 'home away from home' in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community; in this area, the value of properties has only increased over time. It is minutes to the best beaches and all the action, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

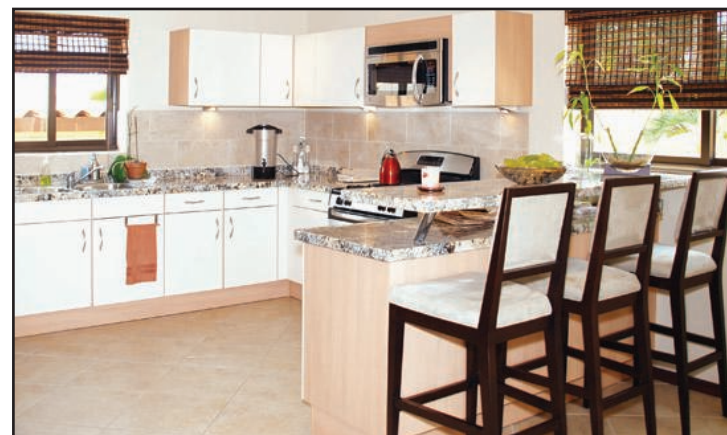
Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy run Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project; the scope and amenities. We talked to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."



Input from frequent vacationers who dreamed of their own home in Aruba will eventually be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional pools decks, one of which has been open for a year, the other will be ready for the holidays 2010. They expect the clubhouse to be ready for the community with a workout room and specta-

homes. An elegant and chic standard package is available, or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property; not the least is the future value of the investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast managers have inaugurated a number of in-house services and are now negotiating with Interval International to pro-



vide a huge international pool for investors to tap for renters either short or long term.

Property exchange for a vacation in another destination will also be available. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, babysitting and catering services are also available for community members as well as airport pick-up and drop-off and pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can all be arranged through their home management department.

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# London's fruit trees offer bountiful urban harvest

LONDON, England (AFP) - An apple tree heavy with fruit hangs over the road from a private garden, unnoticed by passers-by until fruit pickers start the age-old harvest ritual -- smack in the midst of London's urban jungle.

Brandishing a long pole, Rupert Kenyon stretches to get the apples from even the highest branches while Marlene Barrett gathers them into a cart, to be sold or juiced.

The city pickers' motivation is two-fold: partly in protest about tons of London fruit regularly left to rot, and partly out of environmental concern to promote locally-sourced food. And they have a wealth of produce to choose from in one of the world's greenest capitals, proud of its many parks, green spaces and private gardens.

"Are those edible?" asked a man, intrigued, as he walked his dog on the leafy north London street where Kenyon and Barrett toiled away.

In reply, Kenyon bit into a



Marlene Barrett presses locally-sourced organic fruit outside the Hornbeam cafe in Walthamstow, north London

fruit in the gardens. People are not used to eating anything that does not come from a shop," said Kenyon.

Choosing streets at random, the pickers take from publicly accessible trees and parks or knock on house doors to ask owners of fruit-filled gardens if they can harvest them.

At one house, which hid a tiny yard where Barrett had previously picked fruit, only the cleaning lady was home

seasonal food boxes along with vegetables or is pressed into juice. Other similar ventures distribute pickings to schools or organisations that work with homeless people.

"We are not trying to claim all these fruits are for sale. We are trying more to encourage everyone to see what is there and to make use of it," Barrett told AFP.

And it seems to be working. "We used to collect from the grounds of a hospital. One year, they said: 'We're sorry, we are using the fruit,'" she said, smiling.

Big on the pickers' agenda is advocating the benefits of eating locally-grown food as the environmentally-friendly option.

"We don't create the kind of problems that the big industry food system can create in terms of too much packaging and reduced nutrition because things have been stored for such a long time. And then there are the food miles they create..." she said.

The volunteers say the London fruit is nutritious and tasty, and you can find varieties that are not stocked by major retailers.

They also insist there is no risk of contamination by pollution, a claim endorsed by findings at the University of Sheffield in northern England where researchers examined city fruit and found it safe.

However, many remain cautious, like Ahmed Iftikhar, a 26-year-old Pakistani who takes care to wash the pears he eats from a neighbour's tree.

An enthusiastic picker, Iftikhar struggles to get all the pears down before they rot -- so welcomed the harvesters when they offered to help during one of their rounds.

With their long pole, the team got some of the hardest-to-reach pears from the top of the tree -- a bumper crop from the "big smoke."



Locally-sourced organic fruit is prepared for pressing outside the Hornbeam cafe in Walthamstow.

slightly dented but still shiny apply.

"It has a pink flesh, it's pretty sour but they make nice red juice," he said.

Most of the harvesters are volunteers but their numbers are swelling in London, a city of seven million people with a plentiful supply of trees -- but many of them unnoticed by busy local residents.

"There is a lot of abandoned

and would not let them in. But thanks to publicity in the local press and a word-of-mouth campaign, the volunteers generally receive a warm welcome.

The Organiclea association, which Barrett works for, collected about 30 tons of fruit last year -- mostly apples but also pears, plums, figs, nuts and cherries.

The fruit is sold either in

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## Australians vying for a slice of Oprah



SYDNEY, Australia (AFP) - Australian tour operators are clamouring to feature in US megastar Oprah Winfrey's December tour Down Under and thousands of tickets have been sought, the tourism minister said.

Oprah and 300 audience members will spend eight days sampling the best of Australia's beaches, vineyards and shopping, taking in icons including Sydney Harbour and the Great Barrier Reef.

Her visit will conclude with a recording session of her hit talk show at the temporarily renamed Sydney "Oprah" House, which will be open to the Australian public via a ticket ballot.

Tourism Minister Martin Ferguson said Oprah's decision to bring filming of her final season to Australia was a "major endorsement" and was a welcome boost for the tourism industry as it struggled with the rallying local dollar.

"To date there have been expressions of interest from 3,000 product and service offerers," Ferguson told parlia-

ment.

"Thousands of Australians, including many of the opposition side of the house, have sought tickets to the filming of the Oprah Winfrey Show," he added, eliciting hoots and jeers from MPs.

Ferguson said tourism employed almost one million Australians and it accounted for 8.3 percent of the country's total exports.

"The tourism industry at the moment is very challenged by the strength of the Australian dollar," he said, referring to the resources-linked surge which saw the "Aussie" breach parity with the greenback briefly this month.

"In that context the Oprah Winfrey show is very important."

Oprah's show weekly attracted more than 40 million viewers in North America, a market Ferguson said had remained resilient for Australia-bound tourism despite the global slump.

Tourism officials were swamped with offers to host the TV star following her announcement, from rainforest and reef resorts to humble homes in Outback towns.

Australia paid 2.3 million US dollars to lure the 56-year-old Down Under, and the talkshow diva hasn't ruled out a homestay with a "real Aussie" during her whirlwind tour.

Winfrey was ranked the world's most powerful celebrity by Forbes magazine this year, outclassing actress Angelina Jolie and singer Beyonce Knowles.

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# Debut of Miami's 'Big 3' a big draw in Boston



L to R: Miami's James, Wade, Bosh

BOSTON (AFP) - The Miami Heat's vaunted "Big Three" were the big attraction Tuesday as they prepared to face the Boston Celtics on the opening day of the NBA season.

Two-time Most Valuable Player LeBron James was the subject of scrutiny hours before game time, with video cameras hovering as he iced his knee after the Heat's morning shoot-around.

"I feel like a fish in a fish tank," said James, who wasn't scheduled to talk to reporters until shortly before the evening game. "How fast can he swim?"

For James, who made the jump from Cleveland as a free agent along with Toronto's Chris Bosh to join Miami's Dwyane Wade in a superstar trio, the season-opener at Boston is a return to the scene of bitter disappointment.

The Celtics won the Eastern Conference title here last year with a triumph over the Cavaliers.

Despite the Celtics' status as reigning conference champs, it was the Heat - and James, Bosh and Wade in particular - attracting the huge media contingent and driving up the price of game tickets on resale sites on the internet.

Celtics spokesman Jeff Twiss said some 500 journalists had received credentials for the contest, four times the normal number.

"You don't usually see this many cameras unless you're in the finals," Wade commented. "And it's the first game of the season."

Wade, Bosh and James played together just three minutes during the pre-season before Wade strained his right hamstring in the October 5 exhibition opener. He returned to

practice on Saturday.

Heat coach Erik Spoelstra noted that the three stars had played together plenty - at the 2006 world championships and again at the 2008 Beijing Olympics where they helped the United States win gold.

"I think it will be easy with these guys," he said. "It's not their first rodeo."

Miami fans have wasted no time in adopting James, but the resentment is still simmering back in Cleveland, where a radio host hired a witch doctor to try to hex James and his new team.

He broadcast a ceremony on Tuesday, saying he was using bones, blood and a James jersey.

Spoelstra said such antics wouldn't affect the Heat, nor will the massive expectations of adoring fans.

"Once you step on the court, it all just goes away," Spoelstra said.

with winger Helmut Rahn scoring twice, including hitting the 84th-minute winner.

The study, says the team, dubbed 'the heroes of Bern', believed they received vitamin C injections before the final, but were actually given methamphetamine, a substance given to German troops in World War II.

The study by Leipzig University, called 'Doping in Germany' and funded by the German Olympic Committee, is due to be published in 2012 and reveals doping was first used in high-level sport in West Germany as early as 1949.

Hungary 3-2 in the final and shocked the eastern European side led by the legendary Ferenc Puskas, but the study claims the winners were doped.

Despite highly-fancied Hungary taking a 2-0 lead after just eight minutes, underdogs Germany fought back at Berne's Wankdorf Stadium

## Study claims Germany's 1954 cup winners doped



BERLIN (AFP) - Germany's legendary 1954 World Cup winning side are said to have been injected with the banned substance methamphetamine, a new university study has revealed.

Germany lifted their first World Cup title in Berne, Switzerland, when they beat




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## In the NFL...

### 'Pacman' comeback season cut short by injury

CINCINNATI, October 26, 2010 (AFP) - Cincinnati put Adam "Pacman" Jones on injured reserve with a neck injury on Tuesday, bringing the cornerback's comeback season to a premature close.

The Bengals said they placed Jones on the injured reserve list because of a herniated disk in his neck suffered Sunday in a 39-32 NFL loss at Atlanta.

Jones delivered one of the contest's highlights when he stripped the ball from receiver Roddy White and returned it for a touchdown.

Jones, famous for a litany of off-field problems and run-ins with the law, was out of the game last year.

In five games with the Bengals Jones had 13 tackles, an interception and two fumble recoveries.

### Steelers' Smith has surgery on torn tendon

PITTSBURGH (AFP) - Steelers defender Aaron Smith had surgery to repair a torn triceps tendon in his left arm, but the team hope he could be able to play before the NFL season ends.

Such injuries are often season-ending, but the Steelers will probably wait and see how quickly Smith recovers before deciding whether to place him on injured reserve,

a move that would spell the end of his season.

The 34-year-old is a key player in the Steelers' NFL-leading rushing defense.

Smith missed the final 11 games of last season with a torn right rotator cuff.

He was also sidelined the final three regular-season games and a playoff game in the 2007 season with a torn right biceps.

### Hall's jersey headed to the Hall

WASHINGTON (AFP) - DeAngelo Hall's record-tying four interceptions for Washington against Chicago on Sunday caught the interest of the Pro Football Hall of Fame - who want him to turnover his jersey.

The Redskins cornerback said on Twitter Tuesday that the number 23 jersey he wore in the 17-14 NFL victory over the Bears has been sent to the shrine in Canton,

Ohio.

A spokesman for the Hall of Fame confirmed that officials there had asked for the jersey.

Hall is the 19th player to intercept four passes in an NFL game, and the first to do it since Deltha O'Neal with Denver in 2001.

Hall tweeted that he is "definitely humbled and honored" by the Hall of Fame's request.

### Former NFLer Carruth appeals murder plot conviction

RICHMOND (AFP) - Attorneys for former NFL player Rae Carruth Tuesday asked a federal appeals court to toss out his conviction for plotting to murder his pregnant girlfriend in 1999.

Carruth's lawyers told a three-judge panel of the Fourth US Circuit Court of Appeals that statements and written notes by Cherica Adams after she was shot so

tainted the jury that his conviction should be dismissed.

A lower court has previously ruled that the statements implicating Carruth were unconstitutional, but still found no grounds for a new trial.

Adams, 24, was shot four times in November 1999 and died weeks later. Their baby survived and is cared for by Adams' mother.



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## Managers firm up World Series plans



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Left-hander Cliff Lee will be followed in the Texas Rangers' World Series rotation by CJ Wilson, Colby Lewis and Tommy Hunter, manager Ron Washington said Monday.

Washington had already confirmed Lee as the starter for game one against the San Francisco Giants on Wednesday, when he'll go up against Giants ace Tim Lincecum.

But Washington hadn't given his expected order beyond that until arriving in San Francisco.

Washington said he expected Hunter to remain the fourth starter.

There had been some thought that left-hander Derek Holland, who has been

solid out of the bullpen in the playoffs, could start in place of Hunter.

"Holland has done a great job out of the bullpen," Washington said. "He can go against left-handers or right-handers. He fits good out of the bullpen."

Washington also said slugger Vladimir Guerrero, the Rangers' designated hitter, will start in right field for game one. Nelson Cruz will move to left field and David Murphy and Jeff Francoeur will be available off the bench.

Giants manager Bruce Bochy said Lincecum will be followed in San Francisco's rotation by Matt Cain.

Bochy said the Giants considered going to Cain for the opener, but said Lincecum was well-rested enough despite a brief appearance in relief on Saturday in the NL Championship Series decider at Philadelphia.

"We just kept things in order and let Timmy have the first one," Bochy said.

When the series shifts to Texas on Saturday, Jonathan Sanchez will start game three and Madison Bumgarner will be on the mound for game four.

## Giants, Rangers both aim for World Series first

SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - San Francisco and Texas dispatched powerhouse opponents to set up an unlikely World Series showdown that will bring Major League Baseball's crown to one town for the first time.

The Rangers, based in Arlington in suburban Dallas, will be playing in the World Series for the first time in the club's 50-year history.

Texas, who had never even managed to win a post-season series until this year, comprehensively out-played the reigning champion New York Yankees in the American League title series.

A Giants team fondly described as "castoffs and misfits" by manager Bruce Bochy denied Philadelphia a third consecutive World Series appearance and will now try to claim the club's first title since 1954 - and a first since they moved west from New York in 1958.

Thanks to the National League's victory in the All-Star Game, the Giants will host game one on Wednesday, with the series getting right to business with a mouthwatering match-up of stellar pitchers.

The Rangers give the ball to left-hander Cliff Lee, who will take on San Francisco's Tim Lincecum.

Lee will be pitching the first game of the World Series for the second straight year, having taken the mound for the Phillies last year to launch their unsuccessful bid against the Yankees.

The lanky, long-haired Lincecum is a two-time Cy Young award-winner who would like nothing more than to help take his team all the way in his first playoff run.

San Francisco's last World Series appearance came in 2002, when a team led by



slugger Barry Bonds came within sight of victory in game six only to see Anaheim rally and go on to win the title.

The current Giants are vastly different from that 2002 team, whose biggest name, Bonds, came to be vilified by many as a personification of the game's steroid era.

"In '02, it was much different. We were defined by a different element, with power," general manager Brian Sabean said. "We've distanced ourselves from that. It has taken a whole team to win a series. Pitching is the foundation."

"This team is going to be one of the most popular teams in Giants history."

San Francisco's run to the World Series has been marked by a string of nail-biting victories: all four of the games in their first-round win over Atlanta were decided by one run, and so were three of the games in the series win over the Phillies.

"Seems like every game is

down to the wire," said Cody Ross, who was named the NLCS Most Valuable Player after he was released in August by the Marlins and claimed off waivers by the Giants. "And here we are. We got through it. It was nerve-wracking. But it's well worth it."

"This team has been tested all year," manager Bochy said. "We lose (game five) in San Francisco and everybody was saying, well, we're in trouble. ... But we found a way to get 'em done."

On paper, the Rangers bring baseball's top hitting team - with a major league-leading .276 average - to face a Giants pitching staff that produced baseball's lowest collective earned-run average of 3.36.

But Texas, long done in by suspect pitching, now boast a formidable rotation themselves.

Colby Lewis, who returned to the Rangers last winter after spending two seasons in Japan, dominated the Yankees over eight innings in game six of the ALCS, over eight innings, winning for the second time in the series.

And the Rangers hurlers have had the luxury of knowing their offense can provide plenty of run support.

The Rangers outscored the Yankees 38-19. All four of their victories over New York were by at least five runs.

Josh Hamilton hit four home runs in the ALCS and was intentionally walked five times - three in the clinching game.

The ALCS Most Valuable Player said: "The chemistry is unbelievable, as far as in the clubhouse. We never take anything too seriously, but at the same time, our focus level is up always."

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## Wozniacki in sight of ending year as number one

DOHA (AFP) - World number one Caroline Wozniacki moved to within one win of the year-end top spot when she continued her 12-week hot streak at the WTA Championships here on Tuesday.

The 20-year-old Dane outplayed Elena Dementieva, the former Olympic champion from Russia, 6-1, 6-1, bringing her 31st win in 33 matches since the start of August, during which she has won five of her seven tournaments.

Once again Wozniacki's rhythm, timing, and superb movement were again conspicuous as she overwhelmed the tournament's most experienced player, one who has qualified for the season-end event ten times.

"Of course, now I'm the player to beat, you know, it's just a nice feeling," Wozni-



acki said.

"It's nice to know that I've done such good results that I'm the number one player in the world. That's a fantastic feeling."

Her confidence was in evidence from the start, when she broke serve immediately, raced to a 3-0 lead, and sig-

nalled to Dementieva that most of the rallies could only be won by much graft.

Earlier the only player capable of toppling Wozniacki from the top spot, Vera Zvonareva, also won well.

The Wimbledon and US Open finalist from Russia dropped only three games against Jelena Jankovic, the former world number one from Serbia, who looked well below par.

Jankovic, who has been suffering from sinus problems, sweated unusually heavily and, after battling hard in the seventh, eighth and ninth games but still losing the first set, ceased to present a serious challenge.

"I finished the match but had a really hard time," Jankovic said. "There were moments when I felt I was going to give up."



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## Olympic chief says FIFA-type scandal 'impossible'

ACAPULCO (AFP) - International Olympic Committee president Jacques Rogge rated as impossible Tuesday the prospect of the IOC being hit by a FIFA World Cup-bidding style scandal.

"I think that such a case of corruption would be impossible at the IOC because we have adopted rules to avoid this type of thing," he told a press conference on the closing day of an IOC executive committee meeting here.

"But one should never say never," the Belgian head of the Olympic movement added.

The IOC introduced strict new guidelines governing bidding for Olympic Games in the wake of the scandal surrounding the designation of Salt Lake City as host of the 2002 Winter Games.

Chief among the new

codes of conduct is a ban on IOC members being invited to visit candidate cities.

Rogge underlined his "solidarity with (his) FIFA colleagues" following claims in a British newspaper that two of its members had been involved in vote selling ahead of December's 2018 and 2022 World Cup vote in Zurich.

World football's governing body has vowed "zero tolerance" following the reports and has provisionally suspended Amos Adamu of Nigeria and Reynald Temarii representing Oceania, the two executive committee members named in The Sunday Times' expose.

The same paper last Sunday ran a second report with remarks by a former high ranking FIFA official suggesting collusion between bidders.



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